

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs**  
**House Committee on Public Transportation**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

**01:30 PM**

**Ryerson, Inc. - 7701 Lindsey Road**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Chair  
Sen. David Wyatt, Vice Chair  
Sen. Missy Irvin  
Sen. Jake Files  
Sen. Bill Sample  
Sen. Bruce Holland  
Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson  
Sen. Mike Fletcher

Rep. Jonathan Barnett, Chair  
Rep. John Charles Edwards, Vice Chair  
Rep. Walls McCrary  
Rep. Denny Altes  
Rep. Lori Benedict  
Rep. John Catlett  
Rep. Reginald Murdock  
Rep. David Meeks  
Rep. Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson  
Rep. David J. Sanders  
Rep. Betty Overbey

Rep. Josh Johnston  
Rep. David Fielding  
Rep. Gary Stubblefield  
Rep. Efrem Elliott  
Rep. Loy Mauch  
Rep. Tommy Thompson  
Rep. Jon Hubbard  
Rep. Leslee Milam Post  
Rep. Bruce Cozart  
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine, Non-Voting  
Rep. Terry Rice, Non-Voting  
Rep. Allen Kerr, Non-Voting

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by Committee Chairs – Senator Linda Chesterfield and Representative Jonathan Barnett
- C. Welcoming Remarks  
- Mr. Phil Wylie, Southwest Regional President, Ryerson, Inc.
- D. Consideration to approve Minutes of April 23, 2012, and April 24, 2012 **[Exhibits D1, D2]**
- E. Consideration to **Adopt** Interim Study Proposal 2011-220 *REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STUDY THE LAWS RELATED TO PENALTIES FOR TEXTING WHILE DRIVING TO ENSURE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PENALTY IS A SUFFICIENT DETERRENT TO MOTORISTS TO STOP THEM FROM TEXTING AND DRIVING* **[Exhibit E]**  
1. Comments by Representative David Fielding, Sponsor  
2. Discussion and Action by the Committees
- F. Discussion on Interim Study Proposal 2011-046 *AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO RAILROADS TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AND CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.* **[Exhibit F]**  
1. Representative Leslee Milam Post, Sponsor  
2. Discussion by the Committees
- G. Introduction of Land Commissioner John Thurston  
- Cory Cox, Government Affairs Liaison – Office of the Commissioner of State Lands

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- H. Commerce on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System and its impact on the Arkansas Economy
  - The Honorable John Thurston, State Land Commissioner
- I. Importance of Improving Navigation on the Arkansas River
  - Mr. Christian Olsen, Policy Analyst, State Land Commissioner's Office
- J. State and Federal Initiatives in Port Construction and Maintenance
  - Mr. Paul Latture, Director, Port of Little Rock
- K. Jobs and Job Creation on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas Navigation System: The Operators' Perspective
  - Mr. Scott McGeorge, President, Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel
- L. The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas Navigation System Today and Tomorrow
  - 1. Mr. Scott Robinson, Port Director, Port of Muskogee
  - 2. Mr. Bob Portis, Port Director, Tulsa Port of Catoosa
- M. The Mission and Objectives of the Arkansas Waterways Commission **[Exhibit M]**
  - Mr. Gene Higginbotham, Executive Director, Arkansas Waterways Commission
- N. Other Business
- O. Adjournment for Tour of Ryerson Facility